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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below. Submitted herewith are: 1) a substitute specification with claims, 2) a marked up copy of the specification showing additions in underlined text, and 3) a new substitute sequence listing in paper copy and computer readable form with the Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.185.

The amendments below incorporate four new sequences into the application (two nucleotide sequences and two polypeptide sequences). The additions to the application are being submitted before the one year priority date of August 1, 2001.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification to read as follows:

On page 3, second paragraph: